

Amendments to the Claims

Please replace the Claims as shown below:

1. (currently amended) A removable button module for covering a button of a portable computing device, said removable button module comprising:
 - a button frame module forming a cavity that aligns with said button of said portable computing device; and
 - a membrane layer disposed on an outer side of said button frame module and covering an opening of said cavity;

wherein said removable button module is for removably attaching to said portable computing device to cover said button of said portable computing device, said membrane layer disposed [[above]] over said button frame module when said removable button module is attached to said portable computing device.
2. (previously presented) The removable button module as described in Claim 1 wherein said membrane layer comprises a thermo-plastic urethane (TPU).
3. (previously presented) The removable button module as described in Claim 1 wherein said membrane layer comprises a thermo-plastic elastomer (TPE).
4. (previously presented) The removable button module as described in Claim 1 wherein said membrane layer comprises a silicone.

5. (previously presented) The removable button module as described in Claim 1 wherein said membrane layer comprises a rubber.

6. (previously presented) The removable button module as described in Claim 1 wherein said membrane layer comprises a leather.

7. (previously presented) The removable button module as described in Claim 1 wherein said membrane layer comprises a nylon.

8. (previously presented) The removable button module as described in Claim 1 wherein said button frame module comprises a polycarbonate.

9. (previously presented) The removable button module as described in Claim 1 wherein said button frame module comprises a plastic.

10. (previously presented) The removable button module as described in Claim 1 wherein said button frame module comprises a metal.

11. (previously presented) The removable button module as described in Claim 1 wherein said button frame module comprises an alloy.

12. (previously presented) The removable button module as described in Claim 1 wherein said button frame module comprises a nylon.

13. (previously presented) The removable button module as described in Claim 1 wherein said membrane layer comprises a portion that extends underneath a power button of said portable computing device that supplies a return force to said power button after it has been depressed.

14. (previously presented) The removable button module as described in Claim 1 wherein said removable button module couples to a top cover of said portable computing device.

15. (currently amended) The removable button module as described in Claim 1 wherein said removable button module couples to a midframe or a rear cover of said portable computing device.

16. (currently amended) The removable button module as described in Claim 1 wherein said membrane layer comprises a portion that extends around a parameter of a digitizer area ~~removable button module couples to a rear cover~~ of said portable computing device.

17. (currently amended) A removable button module for covering a button of a portable computing device, said removable button module comprising:
a button frame module forming a cavity that aligns with said button of said portable computing device; and

a membrane layer disposed on an outer side of said button frame module and covering an opening of said cavity;

wherein said removable button module is for removably attaching to said portable computing device to cover said button of said portable computing device and to personalize said portable computing device, said membrane layer disposed [[above]] over said button frame module when said removable button module is attached to said portable computing device.

18. (original) The removable button module as described in Claim 17 wherein said membrane layer comprises a thermo-plastic urethane (TPU).

19. (original) The removable button module as described in Claim 17 wherein said membrane layer comprises a thermo-plastic elastomer (TPE).

20. (original) The removable button module as described in Claim 17 wherein said membrane layer comprises a silicone.

21. (original) The removable button module as described in Claim 17 wherein said membrane layer comprises a rubber.

22. (original) The removable button module as described in Claim 17 wherein said membrane layer comprises a leather.

23. (original) The removable button module as described in Claim 17 wherein said membrane layer comprises a nylon.

24. (original) The removable button module as described in Claim 17 wherein said button frame module comprises a polycarbonate.

25. (original) The removable button module as described in Claim 17 wherein said button frame module comprises a plastic.

26. (original) The removable button module as described in Claim 17 wherein said button frame module comprises a metal.

27. (original) The removable button module as described in Claim 17 wherein said button frame module comprises an alloy.

28. (original) The removable button module as described in Claim 17 wherein said button frame module comprises a nylon.

29. (original) The removable button module as described in Claim 17 wherein said portable computing device comprises a personal digital assistant (PDA).

30. (currently amended) A removable button module for covering a button of a personal digital assistant, said removable button module comprising:

a button frame module forming a vertical hole that aligns with and accepts said button of said personal digital assistant; and

a membrane layer disposed on an outer side of said button frame module and covering an opening of said vertical hole;

wherein said removable button module is for removably attaching to said personal digital assistant to cover said button of said personal digital assistant, said membrane layer disposed [[above]] over said button frame module when said removable button module is attached to said personal digital assistant to cover said button.

31. (original) The removable button module as described in Claim 30 wherein said membrane layer comprises a thermo-plastic urethane (TPU).

32. (original) The removable button module as described in Claim 30 wherein said membrane layer comprises a thermo-plastic elastomer (TPE).

33. (original) The removable button module as described in Claim 30 wherein said membrane layer comprises a silicone.

34. (original) The removable button module as described in Claim 30 wherein said membrane layer comprises a rubber.

35. (original) The removable button module as described in Claim 30 wherein said membrane layer comprises a nylon.

36. (original) The removable button module as described in Claim 30 wherein said button frame module comprises a polycarbonate.

37. (original) The removable button module as described in Claim 30 wherein said button frame module comprises a plastic.

38. (original) The removable button module as described in Claim 30 wherein said button frame module comprises a metal.

39. (original) The removable button module as described in Claim 30 wherein said button frame module comprises an alloy.

40. (original) The removable button module as described in Claim 30 wherein said button frame module comprises a nylon.